

City of Somerville, Massachusetts
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

June 22, 2006, 7:00 PM
Aldermanic Chambers

OPENING OF THE MEETING

1. Call of the Roll.
2. Approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 16, 2006, and the Regular Meeting of May 25, 2006.

CITATIONS

3. Citation By Ald. Roche and the Entire Board, Commending Fr. Doucette for 20 years of dedicated service to the City at St. Benedict's Parish and the Little Flower School.
4. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Honoring the Auxiliary Fire Dept., Jason Castle, Captain, for their outstanding service to the community during the recent heavy rains.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS

5. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace the ENTERING SOMERVILLE sign that was damaged at Broadway and McGrath Hwy.
6. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of SPCD and the Commissioner of Public Works inspect Grimmons Park in Ten Hills to remediate conditions and include long term renovations in the Mayor's Capital Plan.
7. Order By Ald. Pero, That the Director of Traffic and Parking determine the feasibility of a NO RIGHT TURN 7-9 AM EXCEPT RESIDENTS ONLY sign at the intersection of Bailey and Temple Rds.
8. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a directed foot patrol in the Union Sq. business district 12-5 AM.

9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate vehicle and pedestrian safety on Warren Ave., specifically at the intersection of Columbus Ave., and make recommendations to the Ward 3 Alderman.
10. Resolution By Ald. Taylor, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission and Pedestrian Safety Committee hold a Public Hearing in Oct. on vehicular and pedestrian safety.
11. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD inspect 36 and 36A Adrian St. for violations and contact the owner regarding the improper storage of trash.
12. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works prune the trees in Union Sq. in front of the SCAT building.
13. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Chief of Police order a directed patrol and a speed board to the corner of Adrian and Marion Sts. to enforce traffic regulations.
14. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD consult with the Commissioner of Public Works prior to issuing certificates of occupancy to ensure that contractors and developers restore sidewalks and streets to their former condition or better, at the completion of construction.
15. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD incorporate into all Planning Board recommendations, a standard condition that developers and contractors restore city sidewalks and roadways that have been affected by construction to their former condition or better.
16. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works provide this Board with the proposed locations for the 100 new benches and barrels to be installed throughout the city, as stated during the Public Works budget overview.
17. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works paint the crosswalks at the intersections of Marion and Adrian Sts. and Marion and Dimick Sts.
18. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police enforce the No Left Turn restriction onto Endicott Ave. during the evening rush hour.
19. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works remove the non-permitted news racks on Broadway in Teele Sq., at the Foodmaster supermarket, at the Clarendon Hill bus area, and at the corner of North St.

20. Order By Ald. Trane and Gewirtz, That the Chief of Police initiate an operation to ensure that non-Somerville cabs do not pick up fares in and around the Davis Sq. area.
21. Order By Ald. Trane and Gewirtz, That the Director of Traffic and Parking take notice of business owners on Holland St. who block parking spaces with cones and other items to hold spots for employees, and remove said objects.
22. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the Director of Health update this Board on Avian Flu and the city's preparedness to deal with a potential flu pandemic.
23. Order By Ald. Sullivan, That the City Solicitor prepare an opinion on whether or not the city can place an age limit on who utilizes certain parks and or sections of parks.
24. Order By Ald. Sullivan and White, That this Board requests that the Administration give priority to all senior housing when scheduling the Sunsetters performances this Summer.
25. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works plant 2 trees next to the Brooks Pharmacy on Grove St. where there are currently blacktop spots.
26. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of Communications replace this Board's public microphone and holder with new equipment so persons can better address the Board.
27. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD explore the feasibility of adding a small playground area to Powder House Park and report back to the Ward 6 Alderman.
28. Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration organize a meeting about parking options at the Buena Vista Lot. (4th request)
29. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree blocking the street light at 156 Orchard St.
30. Order By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works notify NStar to repair the street lights that are out at 18-24 Lowden Ave. and at the Highland Ave. Brooks Pharmacy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

31. Citation By Ald. Roche, Heuston and the Entire Board, Commending Jerry Carvalho for his 30th anniversary of dedicated service to the Auxiliary Police.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 32. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Finance, June 5-21.
- 33. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Land Use, June 15.
- 34. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, June 21.

COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR

- 35. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board convene in Executive Session to receive an update on an investigation and an update on pending litigation.
- 36. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of Home Rule Petition for the establishment of a hearing process for code violations.
- 37. Mayor's Request Requesting approval of a transfer of \$314,210 from the Salary Contingency Acct. and the E-911 Salaries Acct. to various Dept. Salary Accts. to fund the Interim Economic Agreement between the City and the SMEA Unit B effective July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005.
- 38. Mayor's Request Requesting that the Board declare the Vernon St. DPW Garage at 1 Glenwood Rd. surplus and available for disposition.
- 39. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$2,000 donation from the Demoulas Foundation to the Arts Council to continue providing Art Without Walls.
- 40. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a \$1,000 grant from the Linda F. Zucker Memorial Youth Fund to the Arts Council to operate the Art in the Garden program.
- 41. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to accept a painting of Powderhouse Park by Sara Sutro, of unknown value.
- 42. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Melissa Glenn Haber and Dina Gjertsen to the Arts Council.
- 43. Mayor's Comm. Announcing the 3rd year of "Summertime in Somerville" at Trum Field, with a fireworks display Thursday evening, June 29, and a Family Fun Day Saturday, July 1, 12-5PM.

COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS

- 44. City Officer Comm. Chief of Police responding to various board orders.

- 45. City Officer Comm. Asst. City Solicitor responding to #181357 re: Trash on Private Ways.
- 46. City Officer Comm. Director of Veterans Services responding to #180765 re: a monument at 39 Gov. Winthrop Rd., and #181356 re: a Stimpson Sq. plaque for WWI Veteran Henry Stimpson.
- 47. City Officer Comm. Director of SPCD responding to #181346 re: Rent-A-Center/trash ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

- 48. Public Occ Public Property Occupancy Permit, CAAS Summer Tabling Outreach Project, various locations, July 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 9, 16, 23, 10AM-1PM.
- 49. Public Occ Public Property Occupancy Permit, Highlander Football Association canning drive, Citywide, July 15, 22, 29, 10AM-2PM.
- 50. Public Occ Public Property Occupancy Permit, Garden Club Plant Sale, Davis Sq. Plaza, Sept. 16, 7AM-3PM.
- 51. Public Occ Public Property Occupancy Permit, Shape Up Somerville 3rd Annual 5K Run/Walk & Fitness Fair, Trum Field, Sept. 16, 7AM-3PM.
- 52. Garage Lic. New Garage License, Advantage Auto Body Repair, 56 Bonair St., 10 autos.
- 53. Garage Lic. Renewal of Garage License, Somerville Auto Transport Service, 495 Columbia St., 22 autos.
- 54. Garage Lic. Renewal of Garage License, Beacon Sales Company, 50 Webster Ave., 8 autos.
- 55. Flamm. Lic. Renewal of Flammables License, Beacon Sales Company, 50 Webster St., 7,280 gallons.
- 56. Pool Table New Billiard/Pool Table & Bowling Alley License, Mike's Bar dba Parise's Café, 97 Washington St., 1 pool table.
- 57. Sign/Awning New Sign/Awning Over a Public Way, Benjapon's Inc., 195 Elm St., A-frame chalkboard in front of restaurant.
- 58. Extended Retail Hours Renewal of Extended Retail Hours Permit, JT Fitness dba Gold's Gym, 14 McGrath Hwy, M-F, 12-5AM.
- 59. Taxi Med. Renewal of Taxicab Medallion, SLS Transportation Inc., Medallion #75.

- 60. Taxi Med. Renewal of Taxicab Medallion, SLS Transportation Inc., Medallion #76.
- 61. Comm. Senator Jehlen responding to #181370 re: Funding for the Dept. of Public Health's Suicide Prevention Program.
- 62. Comm. David Dahbacka re: Amendments to Assembly Sq. Mixed-Use Zoning.

LATE ITEMS